

Reading Strategies

1. What makes sense?
2. What sounds right grammatically?
3. What looks right visually and sounds right phonetically?

When you get to a “tricky” word remember the following:

- Point when it gets tricky.
- Get your mouth ready with the beginning sound.
- Look all the way through the word.
- Ask yourself if the word makes sense in the sentence.
- Ask yourself if the word sounds right.

Focus Areas for Journal Writing Throughout the Year

- ❖ Getting print on paper (words on lines)
- ❖ Spaces between words
- ❖ Matching print to sounds heard (inventive spelling)
- ❖ Sentence sense
- ❖ Capitals at the beginning of sentences and for "special" words
- ❖ Ending punctuation
- ❖ Writing more than one sentence
- ❖ Avoiding pattern sentences

The children are encouraged to spell WOW words correctly and other words that they know how to spell.